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Rapid transit may come high, but it will never come on stilts.

Mr. Van Alen has certainly served his country well in resigning.

The resignation of Mr. Van Alen gives the President an opportunity of making a suitable appointment.

A police signal and patrol wagon never so much as New York needs to have, must have and will have.

Not all good citizens will read the President's Message to-day. But all good citizens might well do so.

To pay \$250 each for \$142 ash-car horses is to water Street-Cleaning Department stock very much at the city's expense.

If everybody who gives a thought will also give a mite to "The Evening World" Christmas-Tree Fund the aggregate result will surprise the givers.

Time's system of rapid transit is in full operation. That's how the days, months and years get by New York's Rapid Transit Commission so easily.

When there is the "Greater New York," it may be that no one of its Commissioners will dare to disobey through delay, as the present New York Rapid Transit Commission has done.

That witness with the written agreement from Fiss & Doerr to sell to him for \$142.50 each the same sort of horses for which the city paid \$250 is still at the service of the Commissioners of Accounts.

The task that the new Legislature should take up promptly and can deal with effectually, if it will, is that of saving New York from its threatened degeneration with the smoke of soft coal furnaces.

It is not an extraordinary session of Congress which opens to-day. But it is a most important one. And if the Congressmen are real representatives of the people they will be prompt and businesslike in their proceedings.

In the discussion as to whether the new dance from Chicago's Midway Plaisance is indecent or not "The Evening World" is emphatically in favor of giving the benefit of the doubt to that decent sentiment which objects to such exhibitions.

The State law on corporations fixes the legal rate of dividends at 10 per cent. Yet in the New York Street-Cleaning Department, where \$142 horses figure in a big deal at \$250, there is the suggestion, at least, of something more than a 75 per cent. dividend. Is it too close a corporation which is here involved to make a thoroughly open investigation feasible?

It is reported that President Diaz, of Mexico, has not only prohibited the circulation of the El Paso Times in Mexico, but has ordered the merchants of Mexico not to advertise in the forbidden paper. This gives us a lively idea of the republican form of government as it is known in Mexico and also explains why there is something like discontent with the present administration.

In his letter resigning the Ambassadorship to Italy, Mr. Van Alen recognizes and bows to the intelligence and self-respect of the American people. In his letter urging Mr. Van Alen to stick it out, President Cleveland refers to the outcome of those qualities as "noise and clamor." In so far as this particular bit of correspondence goes Mr. Van Alen is a better American than Mr. Cleveland.

Now that Congress gets back for its regular session, that New York and New Jersey Bridge bill may soon be passed. It will be a splendid thing for New York to have a fine six-track span over

the North River. But there is another bridge needed with which Congress has nothing to do. When secured, it will allow the metropolitan police force to cross the antiquated, lock-down-and-draw method of arrests to the solid modern system of signals and patrol wagons. The authorities who control such matters for the city have it in their power to say how soon this crossing shall be a possibility.

THE FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Congress meets in regular session to-day. It has before it more important duties than have devolved on the National Legislature since the period of reconstruction. It starts with the advantage of knowing that every great issue likely to come before it was fully understood at the time it was elected, and was passed upon by the voters with no uncertain or hesitating voice. It knows the popular will. It was chosen to carry it out.

The election of 1892 decided that the Silver Purchasing law should be repealed. That has already been done. It is decided that the tariff should be reconstructed in principle; that in place of high protective duties bestowing bounties on favored interests and fostering trusts and monopolies, the duties on necessities should be made so low as to cheapen the cost of living and the free list so discriminatingly increased as to foster manufactures and secure employment and more generous pay for labor. It condemned to annihilation the infamous laws which under the mask of protecting the purity of elections gave bodies of armed partisans arbitrary powers of arrest at the polls for the purpose of keeping honest opposition ballots out of the boxes.

Since the election of 1892 it has been found that the last Administration squandered the Treasury reserve and left the National finances bankrupt. Congress will be called upon to provide revenues to meet the emergency and to supply Republican deficits.

These duties are all of vast importance and will require intelligence and industry of no ordinary character for their proper discharge. If the Democrats, who have a majority in both Houses, are true to themselves, they will be faithfully performed.

AN UNFIT INVESTIGATOR.

Mr. C. G. F. Wable is a Commissioner of Accounts. He draws a salary of five thousand dollars a year from the city and has no very laborious work to perform for it. In consequence of the fact that the Street-Cleaning Department under Commissioner Brennan's management purchased a number of horses at two hundred and fifty dollars a head when they were offered to other persons at one hundred and twenty dollars to one hundred and forty-five dollars a head, Mr. Wable has been set to work to examine the Brennan accounts.

The proof of official dishonesty seems to be as complete and conclusive as possible. It is admitted that the Department paid \$250 each for the horses all around. "The Evening World" is in possession of a written agreement of the parties from whom the purchases were made to supply any number of precisely similar horses to those furnished the city at \$120 to \$145 a head.

Commissioner Wable enters upon the prosecution of this most important investigation with the Department and suspicious remark that "the charges seem to him to be the work of horse dealers whom the Street-Cleaning Department did not patronize."

This indicates that he goes to his work with a disposition to find excuses for the apparent dishonesty. If there is any explanation to be made of the seeming wrong; if the witnesses have any improper motive to subvert it, in short, the city has not been robbed of twenty-eight thousand dollars in five months' time, it is the duty of the Commissioner of Accounts to find it out. But the unwarrantable and impertinent remark with which he starts out deprives any report he may make of all value. It evidences an unfit person for the position he holds.

THE KAISER'S GAME OF SKAT.

Kaiser Wilhelm has been playing skat. He permitted himself to be drawn into a game at one-third of a penny, or about one-thirty-second of a cent, a corner, and before he knew where he was at had lost the alarming sum of 18 pfenniger, which is less than a nickel in United States money.

The Kaiser can't be as good a card-player as his rampant relative, the Emperor of Russia. He has not even allowed the two princes who took him in to make such a hole in the Imperial treasury. He should get a few points from Wales before going up against skat or baccarat or any other game again.

We know how the Kaiser got into this thing. He wanted to add a little to his royal salary so that he would have extra money for a Christmas gift for the Kaiserin. He may have had his eye on a toilet or manicure set, or a quadruple-plated silver pickle jar or a silk-lined work basket, and imagined he could make it at skat on the quiet, as the colored artists of Eighth avenue play with their sharper shops with the "cat's paw" at play.

But the Kaiser lost instead of winning, and we suppose that now he will have to look around for a cheaper Christmas gift for the "old lady," and she will have to be satisfied with finding a silver thimble or a pair of salt and pepper shakers. A Kaiser has been taught a valuable lesson. He cannot afford to fool with skat until he has learned to play it.

WORLDLINGS.

The golden eagle is reputed to be able to fly at the rate of 140 miles an hour.

The deadly cucumber, raw and pickled, is eaten to the amount of forty tons a year by American citizens.

Wash Thurman was in the Senate he found rest for his brain, when political work worried it, in reading French novels and mathematical books.

Seretary Hoke Smith is credited with having caught 129 trout in a Yellowstone Park pool in two hours last summer. This was at the rate of a minute.

The superstitious possessor of Great Britain believes that a white pigeon alighting on a chimney or flying against a window indicates a speedy death in the house.

An anecdote which Dr. Gardner found dead in Mexico and discovered by measurement to be 27 feet long is believed to be the largest snake known to modern times.

The average resident of London eats seven pounds of carrots, thirty-four pounds of onions, one hundred and seventy-two pounds of potatoes and fifty-seven pounds of tomatoes every year. Parisians individually consume thirty-seven pounds of carrots, forty-nine of potatoes, fifteen of onions and seventeen of tomatoes per annum.

CHRISTMAS DOLLS.

More of Them, but They Are for Brooklyn Children.

Who Will Provide for the Little Gotham Girls?

"The World's" Santa Claus Headquarters Open.

THE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

"The Evening World," 1106 60.
Previously acknowledged..... 28.00
The Jervis Press, 1215 Broadway..... 5.00
Jail Street School, Highest Department..... 2.00
Mabel Christopher, 1215 Broadway..... 1.00
Hazel Green and Lily, Brooklyn..... .50
Owen O'Neill, New London, Conn..... .25
Charles Liska, Yonkers..... .25
Lillian Edith, Mount Vernon, N. Y..... .25
Lillian E. Whitcomb, Carteret, N. J..... .25
Hazel M. Vogel, Tenafly, N. J..... .25
Pamela Morgan, Jersey City, N. J..... .25
Josephine and May Hoffman..... .25
Juanita..... .15
Jessie Steiner, Bayonne, N. J..... .15
Gertrude M. Williams, Teasdale, N. Y..... .10
Victoria M. Williams, Teasdale, N. Y..... .10
Gertrude M. Williams, Teasdale, N. Y..... .10

The miniature Ferris wheel in the window of the Domestic Sewing Machine Company's Union Square office has quit the boxes.

Going, and the blue-eyed doll babies in the box last week, as though they were saying to themselves, "Oh, dear, what can the matter be?"

Two hundred and fifty new dolls, dressed for "The Evening World's" Christmas Tree were put in the window Saturday afternoon, and that is what the matter is. Hundreds of bawls and china girls. But there is worse fate in store for the mimic copy of the famous wheel. It has come to a stand now, but it will be out of sight in a couple of days.

A school of 5,000 dolls has been donated to the Fund by Brooklyn friends. General Manager Charles W. Kattell very kindly volunteered to dress them at the Domestic Company's expense. The grateful dolls are now in progress, and in the time those 5,000 sham babies are in exhibition attire there will not be a glimpse of the wheel. Even now, with 300 girls in the window, it is scarcely noticeable. These machine-dressed Christmas dolls are most attractive. Day and night there is a crowd about the window. Little apprentices, shopgirls and school children, and even lady marks every day in the week on their accounts. They wear gayer colors than the college boys. The last installment is dressed in blue crepe gown, made with a shirred green, and balloon sleeves of lettuce green. Just that combination of colors, Frenchy, thought? The dolls average a limbs, fluffy white hair, little green caps to keep it from blowing about and collective smile that is simply irresistible.

The special dolls, which are to be given to poor, orphaned or invalid little girls in Brooklyn, are most lovely. One winsome thing is as big as Miss Marie James, and the other as small as Marie James. They are all made of a storm coat made by the company from a design designed and patented by Mrs. Lena Sittig.

All these dolls will go to the Clergy and Police of Brooklyn. They will have charge Christmas morning, when the children of the Brooklyn poor are to have as merry a time as the "Evening World" Christmas-Tree Fund can provide.

But what about the children in New York? What are the little girls on this side of the bridge to do if somebody does not have a doll for them? Five, six, or, better, 20,000, dolls for their acceptance.

There are not some manufacturers in doll-making who like to contribute a few thousand gifts of this sort? The dolls are not to be made by individuals wealthy and willing enough to contribute for a doll or two?

Tickets are being sold for the entertainment of 20,000 little guests. They will not be ready, though, until a few days before Christmas.

Everything is promising. The fund is growing beautifully, friends are coming out with the money, and the dolls are being made and distributed. The fund is growing beautifully, friends are coming out with the money, and the dolls are being made and distributed. The fund is growing beautifully, friends are coming out with the money, and the dolls are being made and distributed.

"The Evening World's" Santa Claus headquarters at 36 Park avenue, a beautiful corner store donated for the purpose by William Jennings Demorest, where gifts of every description will be taken up, and where the children of the United States, Westcott and National kindred, will call at any address and deliver packages, not exceeding twenty-five pounds, free of charge.

NELL NELSON.

A School's Thanksgiving.

Included \$12 from the higher department of the Jay Street School as a Thanksgiving offering to buy bread for the starving. Please acknowledge the receipt of the offering, either by letter or by word, to the undersigned, who will be glad to place it in the hands of the needy. It will please them and encourage them to make efforts to help the needy. SARA H. PARRY.

319 West Third Street, Room 2, N. Y.

Gertrude's Greeting.

How many poor children who otherwise have a gloomy Christmas, will give you a Christmas tree? Boys and girls who are sure of receiving presents from their parents, hearken to "The Evening World's" plea for help. They will be glad to give you a Christmas tree. They will be glad to give you a Christmas tree. They will be glad to give you a Christmas tree.

319 West Third Street, Room 2, N. Y.

Little Victor's Letter.

I have not much to tell in money, but I will send all I can get. I am going around to my friends and asking them to give me a Christmas tree. I will be glad to give you a Christmas tree. I will be glad to give you a Christmas tree. I will be glad to give you a Christmas tree.

319 West Third Street, Room 2, N. Y.

EX-JANITOR HANGED HIMSELF.

Kornberg Demanded More Pay, but Failed to Get It.

Asked Shelter for a Night and Committed Suicide.

Henry Kornberg, fifty-four, committed suicide at an early hour this morning at 736 Lexington avenue. He was found hanging to the stairway in the basement of Louis Boas, who is superintendent of the Jewish Theological Seminary Association, at the number above.

Kornberg had been employed as janitor in the Seminary for the last twenty months. A few weeks ago he demanded an increase of wages, and when Supt. Boas refused his demand Kornberg gave notice that he would leave on Dec. 1. He went away on Friday, but returned in the evening. He said he had secured a new situation on Forty-first street, but the place would not be ready for him for several days. He asked Boas if he could remain over night.

Yesterday Kornberg packed his belongings and went away, but returned again last night. He ate a hearty supper and went to bed. He was found hanging to the stairway in the basement of Louis Boas, who is superintendent of the Jewish Theological Seminary Association, at the number above.

Kornberg was divorced from his wife six years ago. Her present whereabouts are unknown. He has a son, who is now living somewhere in New York. His sister, Mrs. Fanny Siegel, lives at 27 West 11th street, and his mother, Mrs. Isaac Kornberg, lives at 100 West 11th street.

HIS DEAD HAND HELD A PISTOL.

Eugene Soldati Believed to Have Committed Suicide.

Eugene Soldati, fifty, an Italian cop-morality, was found dead at his home, 52 Crosby street, at 3:30 this morning. He had apparently committed suicide by shooting himself in the right side of the head.

A revolver was found clutched in his hand.

Soldati had been despondent because of ill-health and the loss of his work a week ago. He was married and had a wife and two children in Sicily. He came to this country about eight years ago and had been in the city since.

A Venetian, Soldati had often been seen to flourish a pistol and declare that he would kill himself. Saturday night he was found hanging to the ceiling of his room, and his body was found by John Garbarino, who lives in the house, after calling several times, and found Soldati lying dead.

AWOKE HIS WIFE AND SHOT HER.

PALESTINE, Tex., Man Attempts Murder and Committed Suicide.

PALESTINE, Tex., Dec. 4.—O. B. Sawyer awoke his wife at an early hour yesterday morning, and after a recital of business troubles, shot her through the left breast. She sprang from the bed and he shot her again. She then at once fled to the door, and he followed her, but he placed the muzzle to his own head and shot two bullets through his brain.

Sawyer had been unfortunate in financial transactions, and told his wife he would kill her if she did not want him to survive or hear it.

THE NEW ITALIAN CABINET.

Zasardelli's Ministry Completed and Nearly All Confirmed.

ROME, Dec. 4.—The following is the composition of the new Italian Cabinet as completed: Premier and Minister of the Interior, Signor Zanardelli; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Signor Giolitti; Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Signor Depretis; Minister of Public Works, Signor Forti; Minister of War, Gen. San Martino; Minister of Marine, Admiral Carrara; Minister of Agriculture, Signor Cocchi; Minister of the Treasury, Dr. Vaccioli; Minister of Education, Signor Gallo; Minister of Finance, Signor Boselli (not yet confirmed).

The nomination of Gen. Barletti as Minister causes considerable surprise, and is generally disapproved, as he is not supposed to have the requisite knowledge of European politics.

Another weak point in the new Ministry will be Sig. Boselli, as Minister of Finance. He is a man of high ability, but he is both honest and conscientious, and he has proved of a want of capacity and grasp when in the Department of Public Works a few years ago.

German Traveller Treated Like a Slave in Burma.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A Berlin despatch to The Times says that Herr Ehlers, the German traveller, in a paper read before the Geographical Society in that city, related that he was treated as a slave in his journey through Burma to Yunnan last year, and that he had been taken to the French prompted the attempt upon his life.

Bark Wrecked, Crew Saved.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—News has arrived from Batavia that the bark Clan Grant, Capt. Trevelyan, which sailed from Amoy on Nov. 2 for New York, went on the rocks and is a total loss. The crew was saved.

Gen. Grutes Will Try to Form a Servant Cabinet.

BRIGADE, Dec. 4.—Gen. Grutes has accepted the task of trying to form a new Cabinet.

FELL FROM THE "L" ROAD.

Laborer Mahoney Receives Severe Internal Injuries.

Thomas Mahoney, aged twenty-seven, of 141 Second avenue, while at work on the elevated structure at Quincy alley and Front street, fell to the street.

He was taken to Chambers Street Hospital.

Believed to Be Krauch's Body.

The body of an unknown man was found this morning in the river at the foot of First street, Jersey City. It is believed to be that of Herman Krauch, who disappeared over a week ago from his home at 141 Second avenue.

SHELLS FELL ALL ABOUT THEM.

The Mount Lebanon Just in from Brazil Ports.

A Month in Line of Mello's and Peixoto's Fire.

The British steamer Mount Lebanon arrived this morning from Brazil ports. She was in Rio harbor for a whole month discharging and loading cargo. During that time there was continuous firing between Mello's war vessels and the loyal forces in the harbor. Numerous shots and shells passed over the Mount Lebanon, but no damage was done to the ship.

On Oct. 21, sailing day, while Capt. Henry was being rowed in his boat from the shore to his ship by four men, a shell was fired from one of the land batteries directed at one of Mello's steam launches. The shell exploded close to the captain's boat.

A second shell from the same battery struck the launch, disabling her. Pieces of the shell fell almost into Capt. Henry's boat. He and his crew were obliged to take refuge aboard a steamer close by. The disabled launch was immediately picked up by one of Mello's launches and towed to a place of safety.

At Pernambuco Nov. 4 quiet prevailed, and those who lived in Rio de Janeiro felt relief. The situation in Brazil is still a matter of concern to the people. They are little as to the final result so long as the military and business are not interfered with.

DESTROYER READY TO START.

Her Port Will Not Be Known Until Instructions Are Read at Sea.

It was stated at Flint & Co.'s this morning that everything was in readiness for the departure of the Destroyer, renamed Pirating, for Brazil this afternoon. The port to which she will be towed by the Santul will not be known to Capt. Slocum, the destroyer's commander, until he receives instructions from the Minister of the Navy.

It was said this morning that James Kent, one of the American consuls in Rio de Janeiro, is all right again. He is an officer on the Santul, and fell overboard when the destroyer was fired on by the Brazilian coast guard.

SALE OF CITY BONDS.

Myers Desires the Attention of Holders of Trust Funds.

Comptroller Myers desires to call the special attention of holders of trust funds to the sale of \$1,250,000 of city bonds, which will take place at his office at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and for which bids will be received up to that time. The bids will be opened at 10 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Proposals have also been invited by the Comptroller for \$2,250,000 of bonds, which will be issued to pay for the purchase of Ward's Island. The sale will take place at the Comptroller's office on Wednesday at 2 P. M. These bonds are payable in five years, and will bear interest, and mature in ten years.

ABE STEIN & CO.'S AFFAIRS.

Believed to Be More Deeply Involved than First Thought.

The examination of the affairs of the insolvent leather firm of Abe Stein & Co., which failed for over \$1,000,000 on Friday last, continues under the direction of Receiver W. C. Cavanaugh. All of yesterday the large force of clerks, assisted by several expert accountants, were busy examining the books of the firm, and endeavoring to extricate the firm from its financial tangle. It is likely that the Receiver will be more deeply involved than at first thought.

"I have nothing to add to my statement," said Receiver W. C. Cavanaugh, "I have nothing to add to my statement."

Mr. Abe Stein, the senior partner of the firm, is now in the city, and is expected to be in the city to expedite the work of the receiver.

THE COLONELCY OF THE 69TH.

No Interference with the Free Choice of the Regiment Probable.

ALBANY, Dec. 4.—Gov. Flower is out of the city, and will not return until tonight. His private secretary, Col. William H. Flower, is in the city, and is expected to be in the city to expedite the work of the receiver.

ORIENTAL'S NEW MANAGER.

John McKay, of Leadville Mine Fame, to Take Charge.

W. F. Balge, proprietor of the Oriental Hotel for the past six or eight months, has retired, and the management of that hotel, and John McKay, of Boston, has assumed charge. Business has been very poor at the Oriental of late. Mr. McKay, the new proprietor, has had considerable experience in the hotel line, and is well known to professionals.

It was one of the first men to stake a mining claim in Leadville in 1871, and sold his mine, the Reichartz, to Gov. Root, of New York, for \$25,000. Many changes will be made in the building, but the old staff will probably be retained.

Who's Caught at Last.

A "batter" of Orange was arrested this morning for breaking into a saloon in Newark a year ago and assaulting a man named Adams and his wife. The man, William Brian, was arrested at the time he was sent to prison for eighteen months.

Acted Disorderly in Church.

George Somers, a saloon-keeper, of 141 Bright street, Jersey City, fell asleep while attending mass yesterday morning in St. Peter's Church, and when awakened after the service was over he acted very disorderly and was finally struck a woman. He was arrested and fined \$10 this morning.

Leut.-Gov. Boyd Dead.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 4.—Leut.-Gov. John Boyd, of New Brunswick, died shortly after midnight of apoplexy. He was at church last evening and apparently in the best of health.

Denver Newspaper Man Dead.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 4.—Sumner Johnson, city editor of the Republican for several years, died yesterday of typhoid fever. He was thirty-five years of age, and leaves a wife, who was formerly connected with the Denver Post, and a young son. He came from Birmingham, N. Y.

FIFTY FAMILIES EVICTED.

Health Department Clears an Unhealthy House of Tenants.

Turned Out Into the Cold Because of the Owner's Neglect.

Fifty families were compelled by the order of Sanitary Superintendent Roberts, of the Health Department, to leave their homes and to go into the street, children, household effects and all, on this cold morning.

Sgt. Cruise, the Chief of the Sanitary Squad, by order of Supt. Roberts, sent six bluecoats to the double tenement at 182 and 184 Madison street, armed with the necessary legal papers. Every one of the ten floors of the tenement was inhabited by honest, hard working people, and with the exception of a family in which there were two children sick with pneumonia, all were evicted.

Those who were turned into the street hustled about to find shelter for themselves. The little ones suffered most from the cold, but their parents found refuge for the moment in the homes of sympathetic residents of the neighborhood, pending the search for permanent quarters.

The tenement-house is in a bad sanitary condition and has consequently been declared detrimental to the health of those who lived in it. It is owned by D. H. King,